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Applicant : Wilfried Matthis, et al.  
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Title : ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT  
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD  
  
TC/A.U. : 3733  
Examiner : Annette R. Reimers  
  
Docket No. : 56524/B884  
  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office action of June 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.